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1. The factories of Kovona, at Lysa nad Labem (051/G00), and its branch estab-
lishment at Celakovice (051/M09), near Lysa n/L., have been converted from
production of bicycles, nails, and various consumer goods to that of war
material, including artillery requirements.
2. The railroad works at Liberec (051/G16), which after 1945 returned to roll-
ing stock construction, have now been reconverted to the manufacture of
artillery guns, tanks, and other heavy war material on which they were em-
ployed under the Germans.
3. Much of the stocks of war equipment in the military depots is obsolete, in
poor condition, and fit for training purposes only. This applies especially
to aircraft and heavy guns. The supply of rifles is fairly adequate, although
most of those in use are old and worn out. Uniforms and other military equip-
ment are inadequate.
4. The task of rearming the Czechoslovak Army should take about three years pro-
viding there are no shortages of essential materials. War production is at
present, in the initial stages and will reach full capacity only in three
years' time.
5. The Zbrojovka Arms Factory at Brno (P50/N40) plans to produce 13,000 x 7.92
automatic rifles; 200 have already been produced by the assembly lines. The
small-caliber (malorazek) rifle is again to be mass-produced at this factory.
This is a weapon which can be used either for training recruits or as a sport-
ing gun. The plan is to turn out 40,000 of these rifles this year. Of this
number, the armed forces are said to have ordered 10,000. A further 30,000
sporting rifles using Hornet cartridges are also planned for production at
Zbrojovka. It is reported that 1,500 of these have already been completed.
6. The Skoda Works at Adamov (P49/S85) in Moravian Silesia is now producing 8-
and 10-mm armor-piercing sheels at the rate of 15,000 per day. There are
3,500 people employed at this works.

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